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SUBJECT: ULSTER ATTENTION FOCUSES OUTWARD AFTER ELECTION

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1. IN WAKE OF CONVINCING LOYALIST MAJORITY IN CONVENTION ELECTION (REFTEL) ATTENTION OF LOCAL POLITICIANS AND PRESS HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO REACTIONS IN DUBLIN AND LONDON. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AND LABOUR PARTY (SDLP) FIRST ANGERED BY REPORTED STATEMENT DUBLIN MINISTER CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN MAY 4 TO EFFECT REALITY OF NORTHERN SITUATION PRECLUDED POWER SHARING. SDLP ENCOURAGED BY REPORTS THAT IRISH PRIME MINISTER MAY 6 HAD REITERATED SUPPORT FOR NORTHERN MINORITY IN DEMANDING POWER SHARING AND IRISH DIMENSION AND WAS MAKING THIS POSITION CLEAR TO BRITISH GOVERNMENT. LOYALISTS, NOTABY HARRY WEST OFFICIAL UNIONIST LEADER DEPLORING "INTERFERENCE" BY DUBLIN POLITICIANS IN NORTHERN AFFAIRS. MR. WEST POINTED TO "ENCOURAGING SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL ALL AROUND" AT MEETING PARTY LEADERS MAY 5 AND SAID IT UP TO "ALL US ULSTERMEN TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET SOME MEASURE OF AGREEMENT IN CONVENTION."

2. THERE SOME GLEE UNIONIST CIRCLES ABOUT SDLP GAFFE MAY

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5. SDLP LEADER PADDY DEVLIN BEING INTERVIEWED EARLY MORNING

BBC RADIO PROGRAM FOR HIS REACTION TO O'BRIEN VIEWS SAID
"MINISTER ANOTHER COUNTRY HAS NO RIGHT TAKE STAND." DEVLIN
TRIED QUICKLY TO CORRECT THIS TO "MINISTER FROM ANOTHER PART
OF THIS COUNTRY" BUT CORRECTION UNCONVINCING.

3. LOCAL PRESS ALSO CONCENTRATING ON EVENTS U.K. WITH
ULSTER IMPLICATIONS. TROOPS OUT MOVEMENT MEETING MAY 6
AND HINTS FROM CONSERVATIVE SHADOW SPOKESMAN THAT TORIES MIGHT
REVIEW BIPARTISAN POLICY IN LIGHT ULSTER MAJORITY ATTITUDE
TOWARD POWER SHARING FULLY COVERED HERE.
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